

Lou and Melinda were shopping at the mall near their house one Saturday afternoon when they noticed that the movie displays were claiming that they were showing a movie in “3-D.” “What do you suppose ‘3-D’ means?” Melinda asked Lou. “I have heard of it before, but I am not so sure exactly what it means, but we can ask someone at the ticket counter,” answered Lou.

The two girls walked into the mall and looked for one of the many ticket counters around the mall. They noticed that behind one of them stood a handsome boy from their high school whom the girls recognized. Lou raised the courage to go ask him about the 3-D movie.

“Hello, we were wondering what the 3-D movie was about and what ‘3-D’ actually means,” said Lou to the young man. “Well, 3-D is just an abbreviation for ‘three-dimensional’, meaning how we see everything in everyday life. On movie and TV screens we see things as two-dimensional, but with the help of special glasses, the movie that we’re featuring will appear to be three-dimensional, or like real life. It’s the old thriller, ‘Creature from the Black Lagoon’,” he said.

Lou walked back to Melinda and explained what he had said. The girls decided to see the movie instead of shopping, so they walked

up to the counter and bought two tickets. The young man gave them both a pair of strange-looking glasses to wear.

“I’ll buy the popcorn if you will buy the sodas and get the napkins,” said Melinda. Lou said that was fine, and she grabbed a fistful of napkins and two sodas and waited for Melinda to get some popcorn. Then they walked inside the theater and sat in the front row. “This way it will seem REALLY real,” said Lou.

The girls put on the glasses and the movie started. They could not believe how real the scenes and characters looked with the 3-D glasses on! At one point, the creature grabbed the hair of a woman and it seemed as if his arm reached out of the screen. Lou screamed and covered her head under her arms. Melinda laughed, but she screamed along on in the movie when the creature threw a man off a boat and she thought the man was going to land in her lap!

After the movie was over, the girls were walking through the lobby when the young man asked them how they liked the movie. “It was really 3-D, alright,” said Melinda with a laugh, and the two girls walked to the doors and saw their parents waiting to pick them up.

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